



## The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle September 2023

Dear Brethren,

A great night ensued this Wednesday for the raising of Bro Louis Kille, who did a great job answering his questions. Bro. Louis is entering his final year at University this year, and we look forward to seeing his masonic career develop. It's always a special occasion becoming a Master Mason and the raising was given with the usual accomplished flair, by W. Bro John White.

The occasion was made extra special by the presence of esteemed guests from the Lodge of Alliance 5811 in the Province of Warwickshire. Although not the first time visiting, we are forming a special fraternal friendship with their lodge, and we look forward to visiting Solihull sometime soon.

Together with our regular guests we also welcomed some visitors from Hope Valley Lodge 3397 in the Province of Derbyshire.

The Festive board was lively and a great time was had by all. W. Bro Chris Albion of Lodge of Alliance responded on behalf of all the visitors.



The Worshipful Master with Bro Louis Kille – Image by Bro Alistair Yeomans



'Eh are'nt I supposed to be in the picture?' The Worshipful Master looking over the shoulder of Bro. Louis's proposer, Bro James Hayward – Image by Bro Alistair Yeomas



### **Lodge of Instruction**

After our summer break, we are back on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September (third Monday), at 6:30 pm in the upper temple. Officers moving in to new positions or are learning ritual have the opportunity to practice in an informal setting, together with some learning and daily advancement.

As always if you are unable to make it please let the lodge DC know!

### **October**

The plan for October is to receive a lecture, the subject of which is to be confirmed.

## Charity



### Lodge Raffle

The Festive Board Raffle raised £155! The proceeds of the raffle will be going towards MacMillan Cancer to support the fundraising efforts of Annabel and Jamie Wallis, who will be hosting a coffee morning at 4 Laurel Close Burniston on 30<sup>th</sup> September. Any brethren would be most welcome.

Annabel has recently also completed the 26 mile Rob Roy Mighty Hike for Macmillan in the Scottish Highlands, facing challenging hills and unusually hot weather last weekend! She has raised £364 so far! [Annabel Wallis is fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/AnnabelWallis)



Image of Annabel and friends arriving back in Callendar

There was also a proposition in open lodge to purchase a £909.00 specialised disabled buggy for a family in need. The motion was carried. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

## Social

- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

The Worshipful Master's Ladies Evening to be held at Restaurant Nineteen 09 a Black Tie event. There are a limited number of tickets due to the size of the venue so book now!

St Nicholas Lodge No 2586

### *Worshipful Master's Ladies Evening*

*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

*You are cordially invited to join us on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to celebrate our Worshipful Master's Ladies Evening with a wonderful gourmet meal at*

**Restaurant Nineteen 09**

*Cost of the meal is £30.00 per person. Pre-dinner drinks and canapes at 6.30pm for a 7pm meal start. Dress Code: Black Tie*

*Canapes and Prosecco on arrival*

**Starter**

*Country Pork Terrine, Devilled sauce and Pickles*

*Pear and Roquefort tart with candied walnuts [V]*

**Mains**

*Daube of Beef with Horseradish Pomme Puree, Yorkshire Pudding,  
Crispy Pancetta, Buttered sprouts*

*Parsnip, barley and mushroom nut roast, mushroom and thyme juices [V]*

**Dessert or Cheese course**

*Apple and Custard Crème Brulée, Treacle Tart, Blackberry Jelly*

*Or*

*Selection of Yorkshire Cheeses, celery, grapes and biscuits*

**To Finish:**

*Coffee and Petit fours*



To reserve a place please contact Bro Roger Kaye: Tel 01723 355297 M: 07961 546462 Email: [rogerkaye8@outlook.com](mailto:rogerkaye8@outlook.com) Places are limited on first come basis

NB: Any special dietary needs catered for.

## Daily Advancement - The Masonic Bible



Some of you may recall that when George Washington (A famous Freemason) was inaugurated in 1789, he took his oath of office on a Masonic Bible or Volume of the Sacred Law.

The bible (or any other sacred text) is where we, as an initiate and Mason take our own obligations, but you may wonder why we open at different pages in the three degrees, and what the signification of each page is.

Ritual varies across the United Kingdom, so it is no surprise that there is some variation with regard to which pages of the VSL should be opened in a lodge.

Generally they are: -

1<sup>st</sup> Degree – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle of Peter with reference to brotherly love, kindness and charity.

2<sup>nd</sup> Degree – The story from Judges, chapter xii of the test of the Ephraimites (as explained in the second degree tracing board).

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree – I Kings, Chapter vii, the final details of King Solomon's Pillars

In some of the older lodges in Yorkshire, like Old Globe 200 perhaps they are: -

1<sup>st</sup> Degree – Psalm 133 'Behold how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity'

2<sup>nd</sup> Degree – Amos chapter vii v.7'...the lord stood upon a wall made by plumb-line, with plumb-line in his hand'

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree – Ecclesiastes, chapter xii: 'Then the dust shall return to earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it'.

There is no official Grand Lodge ruling on which passages to use, and very few of the named rituals specify which openings should be used. Take a look at which openings St Nicholas Lodge uses at lodge the next time you go!



## Provincial Grand Chapter – Annual Convocation



Brethren in Chapter, please don't forget the annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter will take place at York Racecourse on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the Voltigeur Suite No. 2.**

The annual meeting is a very enjoyable day and it is quite the occasion, bringing Companions together from around the region. Many brethren will be receiving promotions and it is an opportunity to come and support them. If you have not been before it is a very enjoyable day and full of ceremony.

If you are interested in joining Chapter and this vital part of your masonic journey, please get in touch with our current Z – Ex Companion John White.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition of the bugle, and if you have anything you would like to include or know , please let me know.

Yours fraternally

Jamie Wallis

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